



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

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### **H.R. 149** **Omnibus Parks Technical Correction Act of 1999**

*As cleared by the Congress on February 15, 2000*

H.R. 149 would make technical amendments to numerous provisions of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Omnibus Parks Act) and other statutes affecting public lands. Two provisions of the act would increase direct spending by an estimated \$15 million over the next five years. As a result, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply.

Section 304 of H.R. 149 would modify the Secretary of the Interior's authority to sell, purchase, or exchange certain federal land in six districts within Oregon managed by the Bureau of Land Management. This provision could affect direct spending (including offsetting receipts) if it resulted in changes to timber harvests on federal land and the associated payments to the state and counties. CBO expects that any such effects would probably be insignificant over the next 10 years.

Section 310 would authorize the Secretary to spend, without further appropriation action, all amounts earned from recreation fees at all units of the National Park System rather than just those units participating in the recreational fee demonstration program. Under current law, 85 percent of the receipts earned at nonparticipating sites must be appropriated before they can be spent. (The remaining 15 percent is used, without further appropriation, to cover collection costs.) CBO estimates that allowing the National Park Service to spend all such amounts earned through 2001 (when the demonstration program ends) would increase direct spending by \$15 million.

The estimated impact of H.R. 149 on direct spending is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars										
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Changes in outlays	3	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Changes in receipts	Not applicable										

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